



## **CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION ON FACILITY RE-USE STRATEGY**

**SAN JOSÉ, CALIFORNIA**

**DECEMBER 8, 2006**

The Council of the City of San José convened in Study Session at 1:42 p.m in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Campos, Chavez, Chirco, Cortese, Pyle, Reed, Williams

Absent: Council Members: LeZotte, Yeager; Gonzales (Excused.)

Staff: City Manager Les White, City Attorney Richard Doyle, Redevelopment Agency Deputy Director John Weis, Legislative Secretary Susan Davis and Ursula Hawkins.

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Albert Balagso, dated November 27, 2006, transmitting PRNS Facility Condition Site Assessments. (2) Supplemental memorandum from Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Albert Balagso, dated November 29, 2006, transmitting additional information regarding the site assessments. (3) City Council Study Session PRNS Facility Condition Site Assessments, dated December 8, 2006. (4) Facility Re-Use Study Session presentation, dated December 8, 2006. (5) Facility Re-Use petitions supporting an increase in PRNS personnel to continue operations. (6) Letter from East Side Union High School District Superintendent Bob Nunez, dated December 8, 2006, requesting use of City locations for the purpose of assisting the needs of the students.

### **Opening Remarks and Facility Reuse Overview**

Vice Mayor Chavez presented opening remarks. Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Albert Balagso and Deputy Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Angel Rios presented an overview of the Facility Re-Use and findings.

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### *Community outreach/engagement*

Joan Rivas Crosby, SNI Project Advisory Committee, summarized community outreach and engagement.

### *Facility conditions assessment*

Manager of Strong Neighborhoods Program Laura Lamm presented an overview of the Facility Conditions Assessment, which was developed by an interdepartmental team. Feedback from the December 7, 2006 Healthy Neighborhoods Venture Fund Steering Committee will be received next month.

### *Community process findings*

Deputy Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Angel Rios outlined three general categories: Incorrect Assumptions; Community Input Findings and Nonprofit and Philanthropic Findings.

Director of Communication Michelle McGerk, Community Foundation of Silicon Valley, presented an overview of the findings as they relate to non-profits and the philanthropy communities perspective.

### *Facility re-use options*

Deputy Director Rios reported that the true challenges lie in reconciling three divergent realities: diminishing staff levels, increased public demand and expectations for services and significant increases in community center square footage coming on-line by 2010. He summarized four facility re-use options for consideration by Council, the City to serve as lead operator on site; Nonprofits to serve as lead operator; the City to serve as property manager and a combination of the options.

## **Public Comments**

- (1) Chester Toney spoke in support of keeping St. James Senior Center open.
- (2) Randy Ridmond spoke in support of keeping St. James Senior Center open and in favor of Staff Option #4.
- (3) Connie Langford spoke in support of Staff Option #1 and keeping the St. James Senior Center open.
- (4) Don Blankenship commended the work of the Staff and supports retention of services and programs in neighborhood facilities to be provided by the City of San José.
- (5) Ralph Manfred supported Staff recommendations.
- (6) Michael Koop spoke in support of Staff's report.

### **Public Comments (Cont'd.)**

- (7) Neil Shapiro spoke in support of Option #1.
- (8) Marie Arnoed urged Council not to close the Edenvale Teen Center.
- (9) Ron Brady questioned the ability of non-profits to maintain facilities as suggested in the Staff report.
- (10) Patricia Gardner, Silicon Valley Association of Non-Profits, listed concerns for non-profits to meet Option #2 and requested that the City provide the most cost effective means in pursuing Options #3 and #4.
- (11) Jeff Bornefeld urged the City Council to manage and retain the facilities.
- (12) Erik Larsen spoke in opposition to Staff's report and suggested a ballot measure to meet the needs of securing and maintaining community centers.

### **City Council Discussion**

Questions and comments from Council followed.

Staff was requested to examine and return to Council, with priority settings, workshops, the budget process and a gap analysis.

City Manager Les White reported that next steps will involve staff discussions and the development of applications, with options. A report will come back to Council in February 2007.

Vice Mayor Chavez adjourned the Study Session at 4:02 p.m.

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